NEWSLETTER OF THE

PIKES PEAK
GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Is The Key Word

THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER HELD ITS ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. WITH THE NEW BOARD INSTALLED AND OPERATIONAL, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD YEAR WITH HEALTHY GROWTH FOR THE CENTER.

THE NEW OFFICERS TO THE BOARD ARE: PRESIDENT, ED SELLS; VICE PRESIDENT, DAN LYKINS; SECRETARY, ERICA COURTLAND; TREASURER, TIM SANDERS; HELPLINE COORDINATOR, LAURA HUGHES; SPEAKERS BUREAU, LORI ELLIS; AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR, VICTORIA MILLER.

IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICE ELECTIONS, ONE AMENDMENT CHANGE WAS PROPOSED AND PASSED. ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6, SUBSECTION A OF THE BY-LAWS NEW READS: A PROCEDURE OF POPULAR VOTING; ONE VOTE PER POSITION, SHALL BE USED IN THE ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD.

AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE CENTER HAS NO OFFICE SPACE, SO THE BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE PICNIC BASKET RESTAURANT IN THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE PERRY PLAZA BEHIND THE DENVER WAREHOUSE ON UNION. MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL AND WE STRONGLY URGE PARTICIPATION BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

THE NEW BOARD WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES AND PERSONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS IN TIME AND MATERIALS DONATED TO HELP WITH THIS YEARS ELECTIONS:

GARDENS OF THE GODS MOTEL
NOLAN FUNERAL HOME
RUBY MILLER OF CHRIST CHAPEL
VICTORIA MILLER
BARBARA RODRIGUEZ

PRESIDENTS REPORT: AS THE NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PPGCC, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY OPTIMISM AND HOPE FOR WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE COMING YEAR. THE BOARD IS PRESENTLY RESEARCHING THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW HOME FOR THE CENTER, BUT AS IN ANY DECISION, WE NEED THE INPUT AND HELP OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO BEST SERVE YOUR NEEDS. CENTER BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO URGE YOU THE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS. THE BOARD IS ONLY A BODY ESTABLISHED TO SERVE YOU NEEDS WHICH WE NEED TO HEAR BEFORE THEY CAN BE ADDRESSED.

AS WELL AS A HOME, WE'RE ALSO WORKING ON SOME FUND RAISING IDEAS AND WAYS TO OUTREACH TO THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY IN GENERAL. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO OURSELVES AND TO SOCIETY TO AT LEAST TRY TO BRIDGE THE GAPS CREATED BY FUNDAMENTALIST IDEOLOGIES AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE TWO NON-GAY WOMEN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PPGCC BOARD. THROUGH THESE WOMEN I SEE A POTENTIAL TO MORE EFFECTIVELY OUTREACH AND EDUCATE THE NON-GAY COMMUNITY.

I AM ALSO RESEARCHING OUR ELIGIBILITY AND OBTAINING INFORMATION ON EIGHT GRANTS AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY. HOPEFULLY, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I WILL BE SENDING GRANT PROPOSALS THAT, IF GIVEN, WOULD ENABLE THE CENTER TO DO A MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT JOB OF OBTAINING OUR GOALS.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A STYLISH FLAIR, THE BOARD OF THE PPGCC BEGINS A NEW YEAR, CHALLENGING OURSELVES AND CHALLENGING YOU! WE HAVE SEEN OUR MEMBERSHIP BUST AT THE SEAMS, WITH ONE OF THE HIGHEST MEMBERSHIPS IN THE CENTERS HISTORY; 96, YES FOLKS THAT'S WHAT I SAID, 96! BUT WE WON'T STOP THERE, 200 ACTIVE MEMBERS IS OUR GOAL BY THE END OF THIS BOARD YEAR. IN THAT REGARD, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE ARE CHALLENGING YOU AS WELL AS OURSELVES. WHY NOT SEND A FRIEND A MEMBERSHIP: GAY LESBIANS, GAY-SUPPORTIVE, NON-GAY AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME. REMEMBER, THE GAY POLITICAL MOVEMENT IS ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS MEMBERS! SO, I MAKE A CHALLENGE TO YOU; EVERYONE THAT YOU SIGN UP, THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL SIGN UP TWO NEW MEMBERS. IF WE ALL PITCH IN AND WORK, WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR GOAL! IN UNITY AND PRIDE- DAN LYKINS.

TREASURERS REPORT: AS TREASURER, I SEE A NEED TO HELP YOU, THE MEMBERS, BECOME AWARE OF A DEFINITE NEED FOR A BETTER SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CENTER. AS OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, WE HAVE $572.38 IN CHECKING AND $287.47 IN SAVINGS, LEAVING US WITH $814.85 IN TOTAL LIQUID ASSETS TO RUN THE CENTER. COST TO RUN THE CENTER ARE APPROXIMATELY $350.00 PER MONTH WITHOUT RENT FOR A CENTER BUILDING. AS A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE CENTER I AM DOING MY PART IN DONATING AS MUCH AS I CAN; BOTH IN TIME AND FINANCIALLY.
IF YOU CARE TO DONATE OR HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISERS, PLEASE CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD. IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN HAVE A GOOD AND PROSPEROUS YEAR.

HELLO, HELPLINE.
THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER HELPLINE IS NOW OPERATING WITH A STAFF OF TWENTY-FOUR TRAINED VOLUNTEERS. THE NEW HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS: 6:00 PM-12:00 MIDNIGHT MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY; AND 1:00 PM-5:00 PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THESE EXTENDED HOURS WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR OPERATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE HELPLINE EXISTS BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THE HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS ARE SIMPLY INDIVIDUALS REACHING OUT TO INDIVIDUALS. THROUGH THIS PROCESS OF REACHING OUT, OF GIVING AND BEING PRESENT TO ONE ANOTHER, WE FORM THE MOST VITAL LINK OF ALL LIFES MANY PROCESSES; A HUMAN CHAIN OF HOPE! (WE CAN ALSO TELL YOU HOW TO GET TO THE BARS)
INDEED IT WOULD SEEM THAT A MAJOR ASPECT OF OUR EXISTENCE AS A COMMUNITY IS TO AFFIRM EACH OTHERS VALUE AS WE INTERACT THROUGH A VARIETY OF WAYS AND SITUATIONS IN WHICH WE HAVE COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO PASS ON HOPE. AND HOPE, AFTER ALL IS WHAT GIVES UP THE ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD AND TO PRODUCE VITALITY. LAURA HUGHES, HELPLINE COORDINATOR

SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT: THE SPEAKERS BUREAU IS GOING STRONG. RIGHT NOW WE ARE PREPARING A SELECT GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS TO HELP US BY BEING ON SPEAKING PANELS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND THINK YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER, PLEASE LEAVE YOU NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WITH THE HELPLINE. ONE OF THE BUREAU VOLUNTEERS WILL GET BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THAT NUMBER AGAIN IS 471-4GAY. LORI ELLIS, SPEAKERS BUREAU COORDINATOR.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT: AS THE NEWLY ELECTED NEWSLETTER EDITOR I FEEL A GREAT NEED TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE GAYSPEAK. THE GAYSPEAK IS AN INSTRUMENT THAT CAN BE USED TO EDUCATE, ENTERTAIN AND INFORM. WITH HELP FROM FORMER NEWSLETTER EDITORS, I FEEL THAT WE CAN TURN THE GAYSPEAK INTO THE OUTREACH THAT IT CAN AND SHOULD BE. WE ARE WORKING ON A NEW FORMAT FOR THE PAPER AND SHOULD HAVE THE FIRST ONE OUT BY THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER, IF NOT SOONER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ARTICLES OR INPUT FROM YOU THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTER. I, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, WILL BE WORKING ON GETTING ADVERTISEMENTS TO HELP PAY FOR THE COST OF THE PAPER AND ALSO TO INFORM YOU OF ALL OF THE BUSINESSES IN THE CITY THAT ARE GAY SENSITIVE AND/OR SUPPORTIVE. THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF BUSINESSES IN DENVER THAT ARE INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING WITH THE GAYSPEAK. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SUGGEST ANY TOPICS THAT YOU FEEL WOULD BE EDUCATIONAL OR ENTERTAINING. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE IN ME AND I HOPE THAT I CAN DO THE JOB THAT YOU EXPECT. VICTORIA MILLER, NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

STEP ONE REPORT: THE PPGCC SPONSORED GROUP "STEP ONE" IS ALIVE AND WELL. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION RECENTLY ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THIS GROUP IS STILL FUNCTIONING. WE HAVE NEVER STOPPED MEETING. THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY HEADED BY HARRY STAUB AND MICHELLE ABDILL AND ROXY ELLIS. LAURA HUGHES AND ED SELLS ARE LENDING THEIR SUPPORT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY.
AS WITH ANY GROUP, WE ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GROUP MEMBERS. ORIGINALLY, STEP ONE WAS INTENDED SOLELY FOR THOSE WHO WERE EXPLORING THE GAY LIFESTYLE AND LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS STILL A FUNCTION OF THE GROUP, BUT WE ARE EXPANDING OUR FOCUS TO INCLUDE HEALTH EDUCATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ALTERNATIVES TO BARS, DISCUSSION GROUPS, ETC.
WOMEN AND MEN OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CALL THE HELPLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WE HOPE THAT THIS NEWSLETTER HAS INFORMED EVERYONE OF THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE NEW BOARD. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TALK TO ANY ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AND VOICE YOUR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS. LOOK FOR THE GAYSPEAK WITH MORE INFORMATION THAT YOU CAN USE IN COMING MONTHS.

JUDY WOODRUFF, CHIEF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT FOR THE MACNEIL/ LEHRER NEWSHOUR, WILL SERVE AS MODERATOR FOR A THIRTY-MINUTE FOLLOW-UP PANEL DISCUSSION TO "AIDS: CHANGING THE RULES", A POWERFUL HALF-HOUR SPECIAL FEATURING RON REAGAN. THE THOUGHT-PROVOKING FILM AND DISCUSSION,AIMED AT HETEROSEXUALS, WILL AIR NATIONALLY OVER PBS ON FRIDAY,NOVEMBER 6, AT 10 P.M. WOODRUFF SAID SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THE AIDS PROGRAM. "THERE IS SO MUCH MISINFORMATION ABOUT AIDS THAT I VIEW ANY PROGRAM THAT SEEKS TO GET OUT THE FACTS, AS THIS ONE DOES IN SUCH A COMPELLING FASHION, AS A VITAL PUBLIC SERVICE."

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The Installation Service for the new pastor of the Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church, The Rev. Marion C. Harrison, will be held on November 15, at 5:00pm at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 730 N.Tejon With a reception following the service in the social hall. THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND!

THE COMMUNITY CALENDER: NOVEMBER 1987

Sunday November 1: Christ Chapel, 10:30am, ICSC meeting 2:00pm the Exit. Pikes Peak MCC,5:00pm, ICSC Show at the Hide&Seek 10:30pm.

Monday November 2: Seek & Peek 7:00pm, Gay AA 8:00pm

Tuesday November 3: Gala 7:00pm
Thursday November 5: Dignity 7:00pm, Sisters of Sapho 7:30

Friday November 6: Gay AA 8:00pm

Sunday November 8: Christ Chapel, 10:30am, Pikes Peak MCC 5:00pm, ICSC Show at the Hide & Seek 10:30pm

Monday November 9: Gay AA 8:00pm

Tuesday November 10: Step One 6:30pm, Gala 7:00pm

Thursday November 12: Dignity 7:00pm, Sisters of Sapho 7:30pm

Friday November 13: Gay AA, 8:00pm

Sunday November 15: Christ Chapel 10:30am, Pikes Peak MCC 5:00pm ICSC, Show in Ft. Collins; Peoples Bar, 8:00pm

Monday November 16: Gay AA 8:00pm

Tuesday November 17: PPGCC Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm at the Picinc basket, Perry Plaza, the ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS URGED TO ATTENDED! Gala 7:00pm

Thursday November 19: Dignity 7:00pm, Sisters of sapho 7:30pm

Sunday November 22: Christ Chapel 10:30am, Pikes Peak MCC 5:00pm ICSC Show at the Hide & Seek 10:30pm

Monday November 23: Gay AA, 8:00pm

Tuesday November 24: Step One 6:30pm, Gala 7:00pm

Thursday November 26: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! ICSC and PPGCC sponsored Thanks giving Dinner 1:30-4:30 at the Iron Springs Chateau. THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTENDED, THERE IS NO CHARGE!!

Friday November 27: Gay AA 8:00pm

Sunday November 29: Christ Chapel, 10:30am, Pikes Peak MCC 5:00pm ICSC show Hide and Seek 10:30pm

Monday November 30: Gay AA 8:00pm